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Donations surpass $3,000 goal, repair work started on clock

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The $3,000 goal needed to be raised to pay for repairs to the clock in the Carbondale City Hall building was surpassed last week according to the group of citizens that formed a committee to raise the money.

The Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall reported a total of $3,506.05 has been raised as of Tuesday morning, mostly through the donations of city residents, businesses and former city residents who contributed $2,991.05 to the fund. Last week a $500 allocation from the city administration sent the fund over the $3,000 goal. The money was part of the budget passed by city council recently and came from the maintenance and repair allocation set aside for the city hall.

Robert Rogers, of Rogers Clock Service from Harrisburg, who had contracted to do the repairs, was contacted last week and told the money to pay for the repairs had been raised. He then told committee members he would start repairs Monday morning, which he did.

"We have fairly well cleaned up the parts of the clock," Rogers told the NEWS easly Tuesday morning, "and hopefully by this afternoon the clock will be running. If not today, then the clock will definitely be working by Wednesday."

When the clock begins to run it will bring about the end of phase one of the so-far very successful drive to restore the city hall structure, completed in 1894. The restoration effort was started just three months ago, in November.

Members of the restoration committee remind city residents a 50-50 raffle ticket selling campaign is still going ahead as planned, with a drawing to be conducted at city hall February 18. At that time the next goal of the committee will be announced.

An additional list of those who have contributed to the fund includes the following people and businesses: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. James Serge; Madolyn Lavin; Marie A. Hornbeck; Gloria Wilson; Mary Enright; Mr. and Mrs. David and Mary St. Ledger; Beta Sigma Phil Sorority of Carbondale; and Kameen Hardware.

Also, Sarah M. Tappan; Mr. John P. Goblin; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delfino; Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Thomas; Marjanie Price; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. O'Hara; Margaret C. Culkins; James and Mary Milligan; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pascoe; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Kaczmarcik; Mrs. Mary Mulholland; Rev. Charles Starzer and Thomas Bevacqua.

Also, Lawrence and Helen Olszewski; Mrs. Harry S. Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krantz; Marie Heid; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonough; Sam and Judie Lapera; Joseph Korba; Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Cacossa; Mrs. Wilma Aileo; Alice Aitken; Paul and Peggy Hannon and the City of Carbondale.

Due to the inclement weather Saturday, architect Thomas Horlacher's inspection of the city hall building was postponed until Saturday, February 6.